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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY
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FOR WACASC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AFSP, OCLR
SUBJECT: SUPPORT FLIGHT

REF: (A) LAGOS 11094; (B) NDJAMENA 2571

1. CONFIRMING OUR SUSPICIONS STATED REFTTEL B, EMBASSY HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED ORALLY BY MINFORAFF OF THEIR CONCERN AND DISPLEASURE OVER THE DISCREPANCY IN OUR NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCES AND FEW ACTUAL FLIGHT LANDINGS. EMBASSY HAS EXPLAINED PROBLEM WITH AIRCRAFT MECHANICAL CONDITION AND THAT SUDDEN SCHEDULE CHANGES ARE IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY AND ARE NOT CONTROLLABLE EITHER BY US OR BY WASCASC. NEVERTHELESS THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE REQUIRING THAT MINIMUM SEVEN DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE BE GIVEN FOR ANY FLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE REQUEST.

2. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO HINT THAT THE GOC IS AGAINST THE EMBASSY RECEIVING SUPPORT FLIGHTS AND IN FACT GOC IN PAST HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND UNDERSTANDING. BUT AS WACASC AWARE, AND AS WITH OTHER POSTS, THE SUPPORT FLIGHTS ARE OUR PRIMARY LIFELINE AS WE IN CHAD HAVE NO PORT, NO RAIL LINE, NOR EVEN A PAVED ROAD CONNECTING US WITH THE OUTSIDE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THEREFORE THAT WE DO NOT
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JEOPARDIZE THE CONTINUANCE OF THESE FLIGHTS.

3. RE REFTEL A, IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY
DOES NOT FEEL IT CAN MAKE SHOTGUN REQUEST FOR
CLEARANCES. BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SUFFICIENT CARGO
DESTINED THIS POSOTCDT WOULD JUSTIFY FLIGHT ON ONE
OF THE GIVEN DATES.

IF YOU WILL ADVISE US OF A SPECIFIC DAY THE SCHEDULE
FOR WHICH MAY BE KEPT, WE ARE CONFIDENT WE SHALL
BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A CLEARANCE WITH PROVISIO OF
SEVEN DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO GOC. DWYER

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